UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

D. J., a minor by Raven Patrick, his duly appointed Next Friend, and RAVEN PATRICK, Individually,)))
Plaintiffs,)) Cause No. 4:14-cv-00135-HEA
v.))
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY, SSM)
HEALTH CARE ST. LOUIS and)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Defendants.)))

MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AND TO ADJUDICATE LIENS

COME NOW Plaintiffs and move the Court for (a) an Order approving the settlement with SSM Health Care St. Louis, d/b/a SSM St. Mary's Health Center and St. Louis University, and (b) for an order adjudicating any liens under RSMo. 208.215.9, and in support state as follows:

A. SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

- 1. Plaintiffs and Defendants SSM and SLU mediated this case on June 23, 2014 and reached a confidential settlement.
- 2. A Minor Plaintiff is involved and this Court has appointed an Attorney Ad Litem for the Minor Plaintiff (Document # 23). The settling parties request Court approval of the settlement. A sample order will be tendered to the Court.
- 3. Plaintiffs have agreed to execute a Release of all Claims and Indemnity Agreement which will be tendered to the Court for review.

- 4. The Minor Plaintiff is disabled and requests the Court intervention to establish a "Special Needs Trust" which will filed with the Court for review and approval.
- 5. Plaintiffs request an Order from this Court finding that the settlement is fair and reasonable, entered into in good faith, that the allocation of proceeds between the adult and minor plaintiffs is fair and reasonable, establishing a Special Needs Trust, approving any annuities to be purchased for the plaintiffs, and ordering the adult plaintiff to complete the settlement pursuant to the terms of the Release and the Court's order including payment of legal fees and expenses.

B. MEDICAL LIEN ADJUDICATION

- 6. The Minor Plaintiff has received care from a variety of health care providers and institutions including SSM St. Mary's Health Center and SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.
- 7. The medical bills from the health care providers which have treated the Minor Plaintiff reflect payments made by or on behalf of Missouri Medicaid, Missouri Healthcare Plan, Missouri Department of Social Services, WellCare, and First Recovery Group. The Minor's identification is as follows: DCN: 64420181; DOB: 02/07/2013; SSN: ***-**-5122; DOI: 02/07/2013; FRG#528017-116714.
- 8. The undersigned as Counsel for the Plaintiffs has corresponded with the known lien holders and received two lien letters identified as follows: (a) Missouri Department of Social Services, letter dated November 4, 2014 directed to the undersigned asserting a lien amount of \$8,570.95, and (b) First Recovery Group, letter dated June 12, 2015 directed to the undersigned asserting a lien of \$16,302.52.

9. This Court pursuant to RSMO 208.215.9 has the authority to evaluate all asserted

and potential Missouri Medicaid liens and adjudicate them.

10. The undersigned as counsel for the Minor Plaintiff will serve a copy of this

Motion and Notice of Hearing to Missouri Medicaid, Missouri Healthcare Plan, Missouri

Department of Social Services, WellCare, and First Recovery Group, and the Missouri Attorney

General's Office.

11. The Plaintiffs request an Order of this Court establishing the amount of all valid

liens that may attach to this settlement with SSM and SLU and ordering payment of those liens

and discharging Plaintiffs, their counsel, Defendants SSM and SLU and their counsel from

further obligations for medical liens incurred to date.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs move this court for an order approving the settlement,

establishing the Special Needs Trust, and adjudicating the liens.

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on 27 day of J/L, 2015, the foregoing was filed using the court's electronic filing system and that a copy was mailed postage prepaid via the US Mail to the following persons / entities regarding any liens they may wish to assert invoking the minor plaintiff, D.J. with a DOB of 2-7-2013 and SSN of xxx-xx-5122:

First Recovery Group, LLC For "Wellcare" Attn: Stephen Snabb, Attorney 26899 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 250 Southfield, MI 48033

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